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lowa and Its Schools

PEOPLE

- 36 counties Mostly urban/suburban areas.
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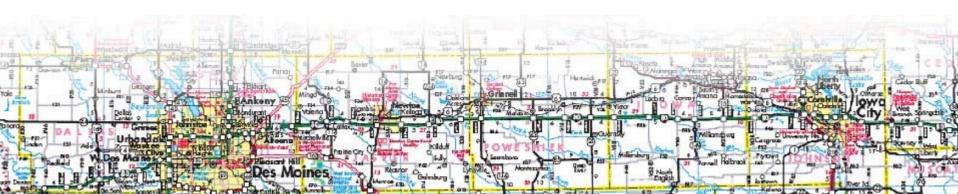


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- More elderly, stagnant birth rate
- Immigration remains strong
- Net migration out

INCOME

- Slight growth to ———— Below national average of \$31,085 per capita \$33,050.
- Per capita income by county
 7 counties below \$25,000



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INCOME

- Overall growth
- Per capita income by county
- Children under 6 with working parents

SCHOOLS

- Enrollment declining in 60% of districts
- More students from low-income families
- More students who don't speak English.
- Greater needs, fewer resources



ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES

- District budgets decline when student enrollment declines, which means the schools may struggle to provide quality programs to remaining students. The state has advocated for incentives for districts to <u>share resources</u> such as staff or facilities.
- Additional resources have been provided to support English Language Learners.
- Support efforts to improve access to quality preschool programs.